

REMARKS

Consideration of the amendments and remarks presented herein is respectfully requested. This Amendment is in response to the Office action mailed on March 30, 2005 and is thus timely filed.

Entry of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested.

I. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-16, 18-54, 82, 84-85, 90, and 94 are as originally presented.

Claim 17 is amended.

Claims 55-81, 83, 86-89, 91-93, and 95-154 are canceled.

Claims 155 to 185 are new.

Newly added claims 155-185 are directed to the single species elected by the Applicant to begin prosecution on the merits. All newly submitted claims find support in the disclosure as originally-filed.

No new matter has been introduced into the application as a result of the claims presented herein.

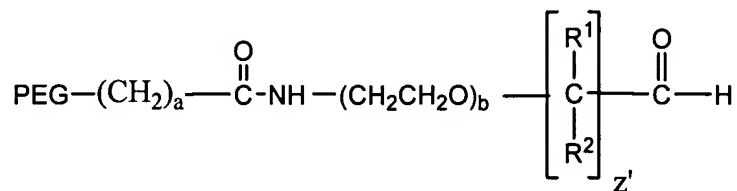
II. Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims in the instant application under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups:

- | | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Group I. | Claims 1-54, 82, 84-85, 90 and 94 |
| Group II. | Claims 55, 83, 87, 91, and 95 |
| Group III. | Claims 56-81 and 92 |
| Group IV. | Claims 86 and 88-89 |
| Group V. | Claim 93 |
| Group VI. | Claims 96-104 |
| Group VII. | Claims 105-154. |

In response to this restriction, the Applicant elects the claims of Group I without traverse.

The Examiner has further required election of a single disclosed species to begin prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim (e.g., Claim 1) is finally held allowable. By way of response, the Applicant elects to begin prosecution on the following species: Structure III-A of Claim 37, as shown below



III-A

wherein PEG is poly(ethylene glycol), b and g are each independently 0 to 20, a is 0 to 6, and the remaining variables are as defined in claim 1.

It is to be understood that the election of species is for the purposes of preliminary search and examination only, and that upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species.

The following claims are readable on the elected species:

Claims 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 155-185.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant submits that the claims pending in the application are now in condition to begin prosecution on their merits.

If a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (650) 493-3400.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 29, 2005

By: Susan T. Evans

Susan T. Evans

Registration No. 38,443

ON BEHALF OF NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

ROBINS & PASTERNAK LLP
1731 Embarcadero Road, Suite 230
Palo Alto, CA 94303
Telephone: (650) 493-3400
Facsimile: (650) 493-3440